EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1.   An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes

and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided

by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be

submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview

with Jill Gorny Sloper, Attorney on 10/14/09.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 13, step (d) after the recitation "compared to a control sample, with a

diagnosis of" delete the recitation "a" and insert --the--.

Claim 13, step (d) after the recitation "thereby diagnosing" delete the recitation "a"

and insert --the--.

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